

My Funny Memory Book

Description:

Children will illustrate a book with pictures of funny things that have happened to them.

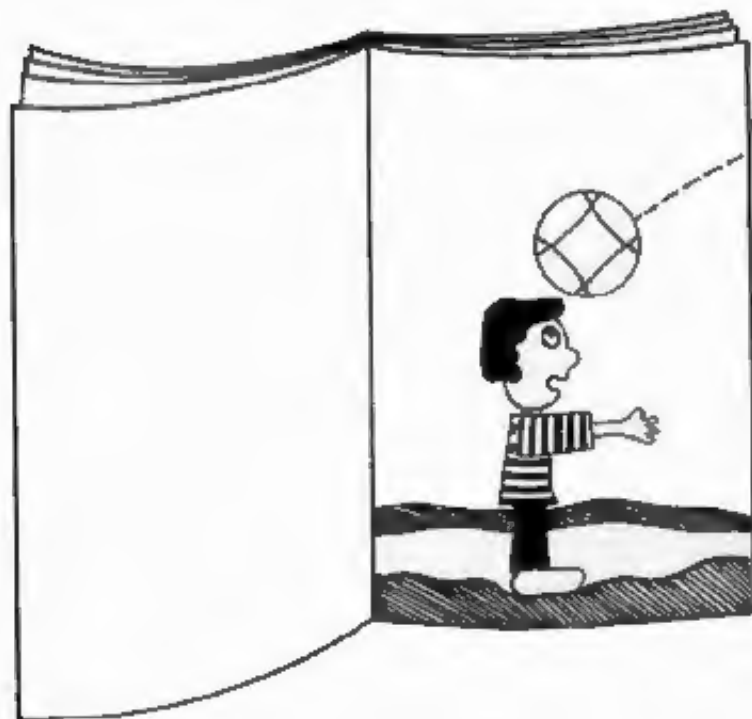
Materials:

four sheets or more of 8-1/2" x 11" white paper, crayons or markers, pencil, stapler

Standards: 3 and 6

Concepts: Color, line, and emphasis

Level: Pre K-3



Procedure:

Help your child stack four sheets of paper and fold them in half. Then staple the sheets together in the center to make a booklet. Ask your child to think about funny things that have happened to her. (You can help by recalling amusing things that have happened to you.) Have your child fill the booklet by illustrating these events. She can use crayons, markers, pencils, or paint. However, paint can get a little messy if the pages fold together before the paint is dry. Remind your child to leave the front of the book free for the cover. The cover could feature an illustration or a photo of the child. Words and a storyline can be added to the pages if your youngster wants to do so.

Simplify:

A young child can create a mood book with colors and shapes rather than illustrations. Ask which colors make your child feel happy, excited, sad, and tired. Crayons in these colors can be used to fill the booklet with shapes, lines, and mood pictures.

Extension:

Read books with your child. Ask her who her favorite illustrator is and why. Your child can make more books based on themes such as "My Great Adventure" or "My Favorite Foods."

Just for Kids:

What book is your favorite? Why? Does the book have pictures in it? An artist who makes pictures for books is an illustrator. You will be the illustrator of your own book. Think of something funny that happened to you—something that makes you laugh every time you think about it. Good! Now you are going to illustrate a book about this experience. First, fold and staple your papers, then start to draw. Write a few words to go with your illustrations. Do your illustrations tell the story?